

Great is Your Faithfulness

*But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases;
his mercies never come to
an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion,"
says my soul,
"therefore I will hope
in him."
The Lord is good to those
who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
It is good that one should wait
quietly
for the salvation of the
Lord.*

Lamentations 3:21-26

Welcome Mr. Al Kaul: VL Executive Director



Mr. Al Kaul began his new role as Executive Director of Valley Lutheran on Sept. 25, 2023. We pray God's blessings on him as he enters this new leadership position.

With a few weeks now under your belt, what have you learned about your colleagues and the task ahead as you take on this new leadership role at Valley?

It is a tremendous privilege to work among such an outstanding group of faculty and staff each day as God has opened a new chapter in my life and the life of my family. I've prayed constantly about my position and the people who are already part of Valley Lutheran - our students, their families, our alumni, our staff, and our faculty.

Over the years, as a Board member and a parent, I've always known our Valley faculty and staff to be caring people who are drawn to this place so that they can participate in demonstrating Jesus' love to those around them.

Being here to actually experience that care and love firsthand has been humbling and a tremendous

encouragement. The people who work for Valley Lutheran hold themselves (and each other) to very high standards of service, care, and learning. That is a tremendous combination that makes Valley special.

As a Valley Lutheran alumnus, you join the many VL faculty and staff who have returned to work at their alma mater. Please share a couple of your favorite memories from your time as a student.

As I look back on my time as a student, my favorite Valley memory is the close relationships that I formed with some of my teachers. They served as mentors for me outside of the classroom, and their influence continues to shape my life today.

Another favorite memory includes the many plays in which I participated and the friendships I formed through drama,

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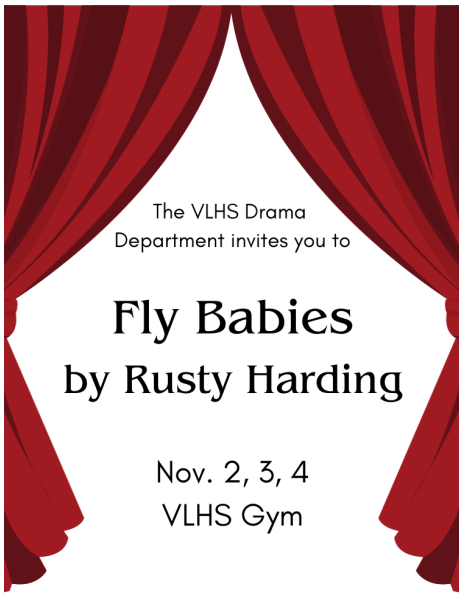


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Mr. Cmeyla Installed as Dean of Students

We celebrate with Mr. Billy Cmeyla upon his installation as Dean of Students and Theology teacher at Valley Lutheran.

Mr. Cmeyla comes to Valley having served as a Director of Christian Education (DCE) for over 20 years, most recently at Peace Lutheran Ministries in Saginaw.

Mr. Cmeyla and his wife Sarah (Helmreich, VL '92) have 5 children: Hannah (VL '19), Miriam (VL '21), Micah (VL '24), and two future Chargers Bethany and Lindsey.

A special thanks to Pastor Burhop from Trinity Lutheran Church, Reese for presiding over the Service of Installation and Rededication of our faculty.



Mr. Kaul, (continued from front)

especially our spring play during my senior year - A Man for All Seasons. I was really able to relate to the character that I played and see the world from a different perspective.

Finally, I really loved our daily chapel services. There was great variety between different teachers and outside guests as well as "senior" chapels when different groups of seniors led chapel. Because the gym was carpeted, we always sat on the floor. Looking back, I realize now how daily chapel helped to instill in me the importance of walking with God every day.

The mission of Valley Lutheran is 'Preparing students for life with Christ as our foundation!' How do you see this mission playing out daily?

Our mission is a living mission statement, demonstrated by our faculty and our staff each and every day.

In a somewhat obvious way, students are gaining knowledge from their classes that will enable them to be successful adults in their futures after Valley. But there are less obvious, but equally important, ways that I see this mission alive daily:

- *Preparing students for life is not just*

about the future, it's also about the present, the life that we live every day, and what it looks like to be a Christian every day of the week, not just on Sunday morning. Being "prepared" includes things like prayers in and out of classrooms, daily chapel services, and being around other Christian students and adults who share in the knowledge of a loving God.

- *Students are developing positive interpersonal relationship skills that enable them to interact with others in meaningful ways here at Valley, outside of Valley, and into future relationships they create as adults.*

- *Beyond the subject matter of the classroom, students are learning important life skills for the present and the future such as problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration - all skills that help them succeed here as well as in whatever vocation God leads them.*

- *Christ is the foundation on which everything is built at Valley. We live in an increasingly broken and challenging world, and building on an unshakable foundation of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit enables our students to live boldly in their faith now and in the future.*

For Mr. Kaul's full interview visit www.vlhs.com/KaulInterview.

